

**SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Executive Minutes**

Date: September 19, 2023
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: COG Conference Room, Second Floor
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93721

Members Present – Via Zoom:

Yonas Paulos, Veterans Advocate
Moses Stites, FCRTA
Amy Hance, Clovis Transit
Tomas Dulin, Fresno County
Darleen Christensen, City of Fresno

Matthew Gillian, Fresno County - Via
Phone-In
Chenier Derrick, Fresno County – Via
Phone-In

Others Attending – Via Zoom:

Stephanie Maxwell, FCOG
Todd Sobrado, FAX/COG
Brenda Veenendaal, FCOG

Katherine Martindale, DSS
Janelle Del Campo, FCRTA

Amy Hance called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

City of Clovis
City of Coalinga
City of Firebaugh
City of Fowler
City of Fresno
City of Huron
City of Kerman
City of Kingsburg
City of Mendota
City of Orange Cove
City of Parlier
City of Reedley
City of San Joaquin
City of Sanger
City of Selma
County of Fresno

I. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting was reserved for persons wishing to address the SSTAC on the items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. Note: Prior to action by SSTAC on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item

None

II. Minutes from the May 30, 2023 Meeting

A motion was made by Moses Stites and seconded by Yonas Poulos to approve the May 30, 2023 Minutes. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

III. Applicants for 2023 FTA Section 5310 Funds (Brenda Thomas)[ACTION]

Brenda Thomas reported on this item. Fresno COG was the Designated Recipient of FTA Section 5310 Program funds for Fresno County, which provided capital and operating assistance grants for projects that meet the transportation needs for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The funds may be used for projects where public mass transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate; that exceed the requirements of the ADA; that improve access to fixed-route service, and that provide alternatives to public transportation.

In Spring, 2023, Fresno COG issued a formal call for projects for \$1,831,812 in Fresno County Large Urban Area FTA Section 5310 funding. Staff received three applications totaling \$1,563,086 for vehicle purchases and operations. A scoring committee comprised of volunteers from Fresno COG, Clovis, Transit and the Economic Opportunities Commission evaluated the applications and issued the attached funding recommendations.

A motion was made by Matthew Gillian and seconded by Yonas Paulos to approve moving forward for approval by Fresno COG's Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee, and Policy Board.

IV. Other Member Items

- Next meeting will be October 17, 2023.
- Brenda Thomas informed the committee that the RTP project will be starting in a couple of months.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:57

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Sobrado
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